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Dear Sir:

**REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION PURSUANT TO 37 CFR §132(b)**

Applicants respectfully request continued examination of the above referenced application pursuant to 37 CFR §132(b). Prosecution on the above referenced application is closed, as the application is under a final rejection, dated February 6, 2003. Applicants are submitting the fee required pursuant to 37 CFR §1.17(e) and making the following submission. Please charge any required fees to deposit account number 02-2334.

**I. Submission/Introduction**

The application presently stands rejected from the final rejection of February 6, 2003. Applicants respectfully respond as follows: